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OF

RICHARD ROCK.

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ROCK'S SPECIFICATION.

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, I, RICHARD ROCK, of the Parish of Saint Bridget, otherwise Bride's, London, Licentiate in Medicines, send greeting.

WHEREAS His Majesty King George the Second, by His Letters Patent  
5 under the Great Seal of Great Britain, bearing date at Westminster, the  
Seventeenth day of October, in the twenty-fifth year of His reign, reciting  
that whereas I, the said Richard Rock, had, by my Petition, humbly repre-  
sented unto His said Majesty that I was the sole Inventor of a "A NEW  
COMPOUND MEDICINE, OR ANTI-VENEREAL CATHARTICK ELECTUARY, FOR THE TRUE  
10 CURE OF FLESH VENEREAL INJURIES, AND ALL THE LURKING RELICTS OR REMAINS  
OF OLD ONES, AND WHICH I HAD WITH GREAT LABOUR, INDUSTRY, APPLICATION,  
STUDY, AND AT A GREAT EXPENCE, BROUGHT TO A VERY SURPRIZING DEGREE OF  
PERFECTION IN THE CURE OF THE SEVERAL STAGES OF THE VENEREAL DISTEMPER,  
FROM THE SLIGHTEST INFECTION TO THE MOST INVETERATE DEGREE THEREOF, WITHOUT  
15 BREAKING AND IMPAIRING THE CONSTITUTION, INERVATING THE HUMAN SYSTEM, OR  
LEAVING EITHER FOULNESS OR WEAKNESS BEHIND;" His said Majesty therefore,  
being willing to give encouragement to all arts & inventions which may be  
for the publick good, did, by His said Letters Patents, give and grant unto me,  
the said Richard Rock, my executors, administrators, and assigns, His  
20 especial lycence, full power, sole priviledge and authority, that I, the said  
Richard Rock, my executors, administrators, and assigns, by myself and  
themselves, or by our deputy or deputies, should and lawfully might make,  
use, exercise, and vend my said Invention within that part of Great Britain



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called England, His Dominion of Wales, and Town of Berwick-upon-Tweed, and in His Majestie's Colonies and Plantations in America, to hold unto me, the said Richard Rock, my executors, administrators, and assigns, from the date of the said Letters Patent, for and during and unto the full end and term of fourteen years; in which said Letters Patent is contained a proviso 5 that if I, the said Richard Rock, my executors, administrators, or assigns, did not within three kalendar months next ensuing the date thereof, cause a particular description of the nature of my said Invention, and in what manner the same is to be performed, by an instrument in writing under my hand and seal, to be inrolled in the High Court of Chancery, that then the said recited 10 Letters Patent, and every thing therein contained, should be void, as in and by the said Letters Patent (relation being thereunto had) may more fully and at large appear.

**NOW KNOW YEE**, that I, the said Richard Rock, in compliance with the said provisoe, do hereby describe the nature of my said Invention and the 15 manner in which the same is to be performed, as followeth (to wit):—

Take of jalap eight pounds; salt of nitre three pounds; electuary lenitive four pounds; salt of amber two ounces; salt of vipers four ounces; sena five pounds; spermaceti three pounds; balsam of tolu half a pound; nutmeggs one pound; Æthiop's mineral two pounds; calomel as dulcified mercury sublimate 20 eight times sublimed, four ounces; best rhubarb one pound and half; calcined quicksilver six drams; tartar vitriolated one pound; all the aforesaid medicines to be finely powdered, and well mixed with syrup of marshmallows according to art. For an electuary, take the quantity of a small nutmegg every other morning, drinking any warm small liquors in the time of purging, and take 25 care of cold.

In witness whereof, I, the said Richard Rock, have hereunto set my hand and seal, this Fifteenth day of January, in the twenty-fifth year of the reign of His said Majesty King George the Second, over Great Britain, and so forth, and in the year of our Lord One thousand 30 seven hundred and fifty-two.

RICHARD ROCK. (L.S.)

Sealed and delivered (being first duly stampd) in the presence of,

WILL<sup>M</sup> SMITH.

JOHN MOORE.

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AND BE IT REMEMBRED, that on the Sixteenth day of January, the aforesaid Richard Rock came before our said Lord the King in His Chancery, and acknowledged the Writing aforesaid, and every thing therein contained, in form above said. And the said Writing was stampd according  
5 to the form of the Statute made in the sixth year of the reign of the late King William and Queen Mary, and so forth.

Inrolled the said Sixteenth day of January, in the said twenty-fifth year of the reign of His Majesty King George the Second.

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